

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. John C. Eastman
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Dear Dr. Eastman,

We are aware of the lawsuit that the National Organization for Marriage (NOM) filed against the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) on October 3, 2013. In your lawsuit you allege that in March of 2012, individuals employed by the IRS disclosed NOM's 2008 donor lists to third parties, including the Human Rights Campaign. The Human Rights Campaign, a staunch ideological opponent of NOM, was led at the time by the national co-chairman of President Obama's 2012 presidential campaign. You also allege that these donor lists, which included donor names, addresses and contribution amounts of NOM's donors, were used by the Human Rights Campaign to harass your donors.

While it is up to the court to determine the outcome of your case, unfortunately your allegations are not unique or even unexpected given the Obama Administration's well-documented practice of using federal agencies to target conservative groups. Several Committees of the House of Representatives have conducted hearings in which representatives of the IRS were asked questions under oath about the IRS practice of targeting conservative political organizations with audits and denying their applications for tax exempt status. Nearly two years ago, the House Committee on Ways and Means began an investigation into the IRS's practice of political discrimination and on June 4, 2013, you testified before the Committee. The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform also conducted its own investigation and issued a subpoena August 2, 2013, over the IRS's attempts to obstruct the Committee's investigation into these practices.


We applaud you in your effort to find the truth about what happened to your donor lists as we in Congress continue fighting to hold the Obama Administration accountable for these abuses of American citizens' constitutional rights.

Sincerely,


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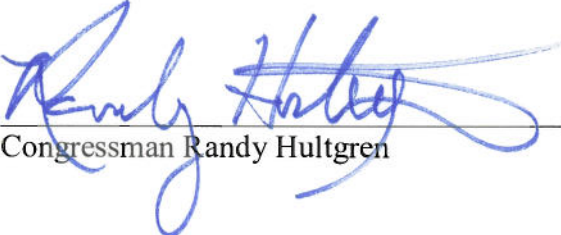

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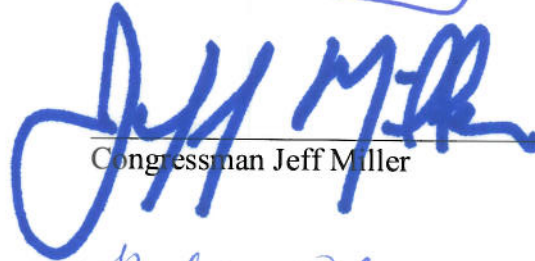

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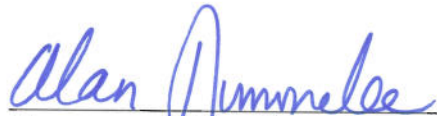

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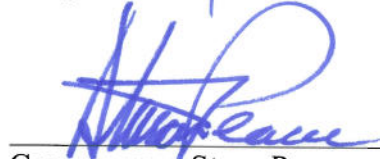

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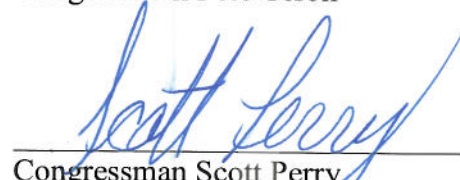

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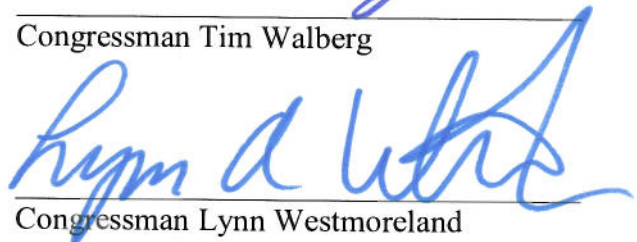

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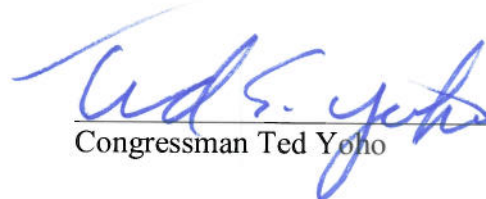

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